

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

EXAMINER INTERVIEW SUMMARY

A telephonic interview was conducted on March 16, 2010 with Examiner Taylor, Examiner Hirl, and the Applicants' undersigned representative. Applicants' undersigned representative discussed amendments for independent Claim 1. Further amendments to independent Claim 1 was proposed on March 17, 2010. Examiner Taylor agreed that the claim amendments filed herewith appear to overcome the rejections of record.

Claim Rejections 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1-30 are rejected, under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), as allegedly being unpatentable over Reitmeier (U.S. Patent No. 6,115,080) (hereinafter Reitmeier) in view of West et al., (U.S. Publication No. 2003/0110514) (hereinafter West). As presented above, the claim amendments of independent Claim 1 overcome the rejections of record. Independent Claims 9, 17 and 23 have been amended with similar limitations as independent Claim 1 and are patentable for similar reasons. Dependent claims are patentable by virtue of their dependency. As such, allowance of Claims 1-30 is earnestly solicited.

For the above reasons, the Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103.

CONCLUSION

In light of the above listed remarks, reconsideration of the rejected claims is requested. Based on the arguments presented above, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 1-30 overcome the rejections of record and, therefore, allowance of Claims 1-30 is earnestly solicited.

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